

ECONOMY

PROGRAM TITLE: News 3 @ 11PM

TYPE: News

DATE: 4.12.10

DESCRIPTION: Harrah's is hiring for new positions. The company held a resource fair at the Rio where 500 jobs are available. One hundred and twenty five full-time positions, two hundred temporary positions for the World Series of Poker and one hundred seventy five part-time, or on-call jobs as well. Free health screenings and help with taxes are available to all job applicants.

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DATE: 4.13.10

DESCRIPTION: North Las Vegas are sixty firefighters down, but are taking heat heat – not for staffing but for the six figure salaries. Concessions by the union have caused a heated debate across the Valley – as firefighters and the community wrestle with cuts versus services offered.

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DESCRIPTION: Tax time is here, and this year the economy has had quite an impact on how people are doing their taxes. In fact, some people are not doing them at all. More people are filing for extensions this year than ever before. Additionally more people are getting tax credits from the government as well as been affected by unemployment.

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DESCRIPTION: Mayor Oscar Goodman says he's waiting for a modified proposal from the City Employees union. The President of the union says his members will vote on a modified proposal that includes several concessions which neither side would talk about. The city employees' union originally offered to give up its cost of living adjustment and take ninety hours of unpaid furlough time every year. The Mayor says he hasn't seen any written concessions from other unions.

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DESCRIPTION: President Obama signed a bill extending unemployment benefits through June 2, 10. After a program providing jobless benefits to people out of work long-term expired last week. Party wrangling in the senate delayed the bill, as Republicans wanted Democrats to find a way to pay for it without adding to the deficit. Once the Senate passed the bill, the house quickly concurred.

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DESCRIPTION: The World Cup of bull riding is being held for the first time in Las Vegas. This is a boon to the local economy as thousands of rodeo fans have made their way here to check out all the action. Rodeo fans coming into town this weekend will definitely add to the local economy.

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DESCRIPTION: Gas prices are up eleven cents in the valley from a month ago. The state average is a little bit more and that is ten cents higher than last month. It's a dime higher than the national average of 2.86 per gallon. Last month that was 2.78. We have a listing of the cheapest gas prices in the valley on our website.

PROGRAM TITLE: News 3 @ 6PM

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DATE: 5.17.10

DESCRIPTION: Clark County trying to balance the budget by using reserve funds to plug a 55 million dollar deficit. County Commissioners warn that lay-offs may be likely. The County is asking for all departments to trim 8% from their budgets. They're also trying to negotiate concessions from unions. Some county insiders think that 150-200 people could get pink slipped.

PROGRAM TITLE: News 3 @ 4PM

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DATE: 5.18.10

DESCRIPTION: North Las Vegas and Henderson hold budget meetings and this is the last public forum for the public to be heard on budget cuts. North Las Vegas is facing more than a 52 million dollar shortfall... which could lead to more than 200 job cuts. Henderson will have to cut more than 34 million dollars from its budget.

PROGRAM TITLE: News 3 @ 5PM

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DESCRIPTION: The Las Vegas City Council passed a budget for the next fiscal year. The budget cuts includes 80 million dollars in cuts. That translates into 200 jobs, and cuts to city services that will impact all of us if not now, then at some point in the future.

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DESCRIPTION: Local governments are working furiously to balance their budgets. But critics are blasting county leaders for using millions from an account called "The Capital Fund" to close the deficit. That's money that is designated for building. However, since there is a construction freeze – 40 million dollars worth of Clark County construction projects are now on hold. Critics are arguing that diverting money from the capital fund to plug budget holes is detrimental to the economy because it will further cut down on construction jobs.

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DESCRIPTION: Las Vegas city leaders will be faced with a grim outlook for next year's fiscal year. Cities across southern Nevada are all facing the challenge of balancing their budgets. The Las Vegas City council unanimously approved a final budget; cutting 80 million dollars from the operating budget for the fiscal year 2011 which starts in July. This means by mid July, 200 city workers will lose their jobs. City services will also be reduced: firefighters, downsizing records department, and the closing of several community schools. In Henderson, the city is grabbing with their budget cuts as well.

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DESCRIPTION: Tourism is down in Las Vegas and government statistics show that last year, Nevada ranked number four in overseas visitors. Nevada's numbers are down nine percent from the year before. The commerce department has also ranked the overseas visitors by city, Las Vegas is number six - down since percent. The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority noted we are ranked number one in hosting the most tradeshow last year.

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DESCRIPTION: "Money Magazine" has ranked the city of Henderson, among the top five cities in the country that people should live in, if they don't like paying taxes. City spokesman, Bud Cranor says, "Henderson's steady tax structure helped them make the list." The city hasn't changed its property tax rate in 18 years.

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DESCRIPTION: Dilapidated homes and unkempt properties are proving to be an eyesore in Clark County Neighborhoods and posing many safety hazards. Clark County is trying to keep pressure on homeowners' who don't keep up with their properties with daily fines, with a maximum penalty of ten thousand dollars. Tracking foreclosed homes through banking records will help the County code enforcement agency put pressure on homeowners who neglect their properties.

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DESCRIPTION: Budget cuts will directly affect our daily lives. With city and county services being diminished, how will paying more for less directly impact what many of us take for granted on a daily basis: City parks, after school classes, arts enrichment, community services will all be taking hits. Security patrols in local parks could also cause security concerns.

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DESCRIPTION: Las Vegas sets a record for unemployment numbers. The jobless rate in Clark County hit 14% which is a national record. Big losses in construction, also a big drop in local government jobs lost are adding to these stats. Cutting jobs to save money is reflected in these high unemployment figures.

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DESCRIPTION: Although economists are saying the recession is over – it doesn't seem to be leaving Las Vegas. Two economists weighed in on the state of our valley...Unemployment is a lagging indicator and when that recovers our economy will recover. A complete recovery here in Las Vegas may not be evident for another three, five or seven years before we see any sign of significant growth. The unemployment rate went up because people are looking for work, which is actually a good sign. National recovery will in turn help local recovery.

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DESCRIPTION: Going global may be MGM-Mirages' way of rescuing the Las Vegas economy. MGM-Mirage is changing its name to MGM Resorts International with an emphases on the word, International. There is a growing trend to attract more international tourists to Las Vegas. Richard Branson CEO is also helping boost tourist traffic by offering Virgin-Atlantic non-stop flights from Gatwick airport to Las Vegas.

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DESCRIPTION: According to LUNLV's Center for Business and economic research reported today that we still have a ways to go before the valley experiences a true recovery. We are still lagging behind the national economy because of tourism. However, the news is slightly encouraging for next year.

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DESCRIPTION: Arena plans for the strip will be a good idea once the economy improves. For now, County Commissioners say No to any plans for an arena along the strip. During today's meeting all but one of the commissioners said they couldn't support a project that uses tax-payers money. County leaders looked at several arena proposals with a price tag of millions of dollars. Commissioner Tom Collins split from this colleagues and wanted to put an advisory question about the arena on November's ballot.

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DESCRIPTION: Tomorrow it will be official that Nevada has the worst jobless rate in the nation. News three has obtained an early look at the jobless report which states that we have hit an all time high of fourteen percent unemployment. That translates into over 189 thousand Nevadans being out of work. Experts say the local economy will not heal until new jobs are replaced and construction jobs rebound. Additionally

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DESCRIPTION: Governor Gibbons wants to shut down the Nevada State prison in Carson City to save our state about three million dollars. The plan has not been backed by state legislators. The Governor noted he does not need endorsement by the legislators to phase out the prison and transfer hundreds of inmates. So far the transfers have started and will take several months. Nevada Secretary of State Ross Miller is calling for an emergency meeting with the board of prison commissioners to block this decision.

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DESCRIPTION: In 2006 voters in Nevada approved the Nevada clean indoor act which says smoking shouldn't be allowed near where food is served. Now there are several proposed amendments to this act. Restaurant and bar owners are seeking changes that will change this smoking ban – because many believe it is hurting businesses that are already stressed by a poor economy. The proposed change would segregate areas with a separate ventilation system where smoking would be allowed. The health board decided to hold public workshops before taking any action later this year.